

HOUSE BILL 873
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10 and Title 3, Chapter 6, relative to public office, including the election to public office, service therein, employees of public officials and the regulation of the activities of persons seeking to influence the legislative or administrative actions of public officials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, 3-6-114(b), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(10) Food, refreshments, meals, foodstuffs, beverages or entertainment, the value of which to the official, including any applicable taxes and tips, does not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); provided, however, the value of a gift made pursuant to this subdivision may not be reduced below the monetary limit by dividing the cost of the gift among two (2) or more lobbyist or employers of lobbyists. No lobbyist or an employer of a lobbyist may provide gifts to any person pursuant to this subdivision that have a cumulative value of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) during a calendar year.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-106(b), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(3) An itemized list by date, beneficiary, amount, and circumstance of any gift under 3-6-114(b)(10).

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SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-114(b)(8), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (A) and by adding the following new subdivision:

(B) Transportation by means other than by a person or company that regularly provides transportation on a commercial basis.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-114(B)(8), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

() Entertainment, food, refreshments, meals, foodstuffs or beverages that are provided in connection with an official conference event that is listed in the program of such conference if the conference is sponsored by an association of elected state government officials, staff of elected state government officials or both officials and staff or any other group or association which is an umbrella organization for such officials, staff, or both officials and staff.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-114(b), is amended by adding the following new subsections to be appropriately designated:

() Gifts to the state, accepted by the governor or the speakers of either house of the general assembly on behalf of the state. Such gifts may be made upon such terms and conditions and for such uses and purposes as may be agreed upon by the grantor or donor thereof and the governor or speakers. The governor and speakers shall maintain a public record of all such gifts, disclosing the grantor or donor, the terms and conditions of the gift, and the uses and purposes of the gift.

() Health care wellness screenings.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it.